

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: March 2015 -- O-201

2014 – 2015 Goals **Examinations Subcommittee** *Updated 03/2015*

1. In conjunction with Subcommittee on Operations and Management, review reports on administration of the California First-Year Law Students' Examination.

December 2014 /June (preliminary) and August 2015

2. Edit and approve final versions of the essay questions and select performance test questions for administration on California Bar Examinations.

December 2014 /April 2015

3. Provide training from psychometrician on examination scaling, validity, reliability and fairness.

December 2014

4. Consider draft reports to the Supreme Court of California on February and July California Bar Examinations, which include analyses by psychometrician.

January 2015 /June 2015

5. Review bar examination process, including scope, format, grading and UBE, to determine whether changes to current process should be explored.

January 2015

6. In conjunction with the Subcommittee on Operations and Management, review reports on administration of the California Bar Examination.

March 2015 /August 2015

7. Consider Whether Two-Day Examination Proposal Should be Forwarded to Board of Trustees.

March 2015

8. Determine Whether Changes to California Bar Examination Scope Should be Considered.

March 2015

9. Consider Proposed Guidelines for Generation of Examination Statistics and Statistics Provided to Law Schools.

April 2015

10. Provide training on testing accommodations process, including presentation(s) by expert consultants.

April 2015

11. Consider making decision regarding format of the California First-Year Law Students' Examination, including whether it should be all multiple-choice.

June 2015

12. Continue outreach and consider making final decision regarding format of the California Bar Examination, including whether it should be reduced from three days to two days.

Ongoing

13. Consider conducting future psychometric studies to ensure the reliability, validity and fairness of examinations administered by the Committee of Bar Examiners.

Ongoing

14. Receive reports on progress of Uniform Bar Examination.

Ongoing

15. Consider petitions seeking waivers of the Committee's examinations related policies, procedures and rules.

Monthly

16. Review appeals from applicants with disabilities who are appealing Senior Director, Admissions, decisions relative to their requests for testing accommodations.

Monthly